



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: *Strassmann et al.*

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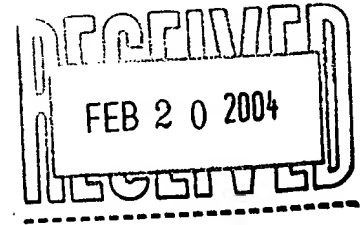
For: *Methods of Treating Diabetes*

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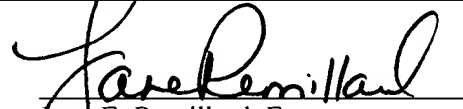


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003. A request for the appropriate extension of time and fee are submitted herewith. Please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this communication.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 4 of this communication.